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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON FOREIGN NATIONALS MISSING IN
INDOCHINA

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM TO CONFIRM IDENTITIES OF NON-US NATIONALS BELIEVED MISSING IN INDOCHINA. JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) IN THAILAND HAS SOME NAMES OF SUCH PERSONNEL, IN MANY CASES WITH LITTLE OR NO INFORMATION ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS, VITAL STATISTICS, ETC. NEITHER STATE NOR DEFENSE (DIA) MAINTAIN OFFICIAL RECORDS ON FOREIGN NATIONALS MISSING/ CAPTURED IN CAMBODIA. AT SAME TIME, WE SEE NEED TO CLARIFY SITUATION TO ENABLE JCRC TO CARRY OUT ITS ASSIGNED CASUALTY RESOLUTION FUNCTION.

2. WE BELIEVE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO DEAL WITH SUBJECT WOULD BE FOR JCRC TO PREPARE LISTS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS BY COUNTRY, WITH AVAILABLE DATA. EMBASSY BANGKOK WOULD THEN GIVE THESE LISTS TO EMBASSIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION AND ADDITIONAL INFO ON EACH CASE. IN THIS WAY JCRC COULD ESTABLISH RECORD OF VERIFIED CASES AND COULD DROP OTHER NAMES FROM ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THIS WOULD PUT MAJOR SHARE OF JOB ON EMBASSY BANGKOK. WE HOPE EMBASSY WILL BE WILLING TO TAKE THIS ON. APPEARS TO US YOU ARE IN BEST POSITION TO WORK CLOSELY WITH JCRC AND TO DEAL EFFICIENTLY WITH THE OTHER EMBASSIES INVOLVED. COUNTRIES MAINLY CONCERNED ARE LISTED AS INFO ADDRESSEES ON THIS MESSAGE. BIGGEST SINGLE GROUP OF NON-US ACTIVE CASES WILL PROBABLY BE JAPANESE--MAINLY JOURNALISTS MISSING IN CAMBODIA.

4. SUGGEST BANGKOK DISCUSS WITH JCRC AND LET US KNOW IF THIS LOOKS LIKE REASONABLE WAY TO DEAL WITH SUBJECT. DIA WILL THEN COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH JCRC. ROGERS
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